

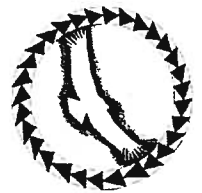
**Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
Public Comments Submitted through
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InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council

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InterTribal Cultural Conservation for Sinkyone Indian Lands



STATEMENT OF INTERTRIBAL SINKYONE WILDERNESS COUNCIL

California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
Blue Ribbon Task Force for the MLPA North Coast Study Region
Thursday, January 14, 2010
Elk Valley Rancheria Community Center

We appreciate the opportunity to address the Blue Ribbon Task Force concerning proposals to establish marine protected areas in the North Coast Region. The InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council is comprised of 10 federally-recognized Indian Tribes in Mendocino and Lake Counties, including: Cahto Tribe of Laytonville Rancheria; Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians; Hopland Band of Pomo Indians; Pinoleville Pomo Nation; Potter Valley Tribe; Redwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians; Robinson Rancheria; Round Valley Indian Tribes; Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians; and Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians.

It is apparent to us that the MLPA Initiative was not designed with Tribal government interests in mind. We share the goal of protecting marine resources along the coast. In fact, history shows that the stewardship of Indian people has profoundly influenced and contributed to the health and biological diversity of marine resources along the California coast, and that Indian people are an inseparable part of the ecosystem. We are concerned that the interests of California Indian Tribes in the North Coast region may be cast aside in the drive to set up Marine Protected Areas. We ask that you listen to the concerns of the North Coast Tribes involved in this issue, take the time to learn about their history, cultures and ways of life, and work with us to develop proposals that protect both the marine resources and the right of California Indian Tribes to continue to live according to their traditional cultural ways as we have done since time immemorial.

We request the inclusion of three principles to guide your deliberations. First, the traditional ecological knowledge of California Indian Tribes about marine ecosystems should be accorded equal respect and deference as so-called western science. This knowledge has been developed over millennia and has fostered harmony between Indian people and our ocean and marine environments.

Second, the legal status of Indian Tribes as sovereign governments entitles them to special consideration concerning any proposals that might adversely affect their ocean and marine environments. The sovereignty of Indian Tribes predates that of the United States of America. Indian Tribes are not mere stakeholders in this process. We are sovereign Tribal governments with inherent powers of self-governance. Tribal governments elect and appoint their own Tribal representatives. Our discussions must therefore occur on a government-to-government basis.

Third, Indian use of marine resources and coastal areas has unique cultural connotations that must be considered. If Indian people are denied the use of traditional ceremonial and gathering areas along the coast, then they will lose an important part of their identity. Denial of such use would be much more than a loss of traditional foods and medicines, and our very way of life. Indian people have more at stake in the MLPA process than any other group, due to the fact that their inalienable aboriginal rights and traditional cultural uses would be taken away. It is appalling to us that we were not consulted when the Act was being developed or when the Initiative was being put together. We request that you and the other decision-makers participate meaningfully with us during the remainder of the MLPA's North Coast planning process so that we can achieve the twin goals of protecting the marine ecosystem and protecting traditional California Indian cultural uses.

In conclusion, the InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council and its member Tribes strongly urge the Blue Ribbon Task Force to consider and address our concerns and input regarding the MLPA.

Approved by the InterTribal Sinkyone Council's board of directors on January 13, 2010.

January 14, 2010
Kenyon Hensel 871 elk valley Rd
Crescent City Ca. 95531

To the Blue Ribbon Task Force,

These are some of the unique local qualities you must take into consideration before further restricting access to our local renewable ocean resource.

Our area has the highest unemployment rate in the state. Our county is one of the poorest in California. The state or federal government owns over 75% of our county land, depriving us property taxes needed to maintain services. Our local jobs and revenue streams must be protected to offset this loss. Historically isolated from state population centers, our community knows the value of self-sufficiency. If you do not honor that value, you diminish both our community and our state.

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There is no imminent environmental threat that justifies creating hardships for our coastal communities. All sea going mammals and their haul out areas, sea birds and their rookeries, coral and invertebrates are fully protected by existing federal and state laws.

The MLPA can be interpreted many ways. The initiative you are acting under is a narrow-minded approach, little but window dressing, to true effective fishery management. You are not using the accepted MPA science or process to create marine reserves. Without the science and the time we have asked for, you are only making little no fishing areas. They will drain enforcement, and create a false sense of higher protection. The process you are pushing will only lower the protection of our resources.

Since you continue to deny our local requests, and act without a majority of local people on your Task Force, it is plain you do not have our best interests in mind. Please leave this area and move on to some other part of California. Leave us and we will continue the creation of our own reserves and the side-by-side management of our resources that will exceed the intent of the MLPA. Give us three years and support our local effort if you are truly interested in seeing meaningful management of our renewable ocean resources.



Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria



Statement to Blue Ribbon Task Force and Marine Life Protection Act Initiative Staff

Ryan Sundberg, Tribal Leader
January 14, 2010

Blue Ribbon Task Force Meeting
Elk Valley Rancheria

My name is Ryan Sundberg, I am a Tribal Councilman from the Trinidad Rancheria and it is my pleasure to offer comments on behalf of my Tribe to the Blue Ribbon Task Force.

Trinidad Rancheria is a Federally Recognized Sovereign Tribal Nation and strongly supports the position of the North Coast Tribal Coalition. On behalf of Chairman Garth Sundberg and my Tribal Council, we ask the Blue Ribbon Task Force to ensure that Tribal Native Traditional and Ceremonial Gathering and Subsistence be protected and not regulated in the North Coast Study Region and throughout California.

Any effort to interfere, quantify or define the use of essential marine resources would be a violation of our inherent rights as a Tribal Sovereign Nation. We are natives of this land and we believe in preserving and caring for our natural resources. We also believe in the people who live on this land and bring their wisdom.

“For thousands of years Trinidad Bay has been a provider of essential marine resources for the original inhabitants of the North Coast. The bay’s rocky coastline and natural protection from Trinidad Head also made it an ideal commercial fishery for Euro-Americans soon after they settled the North Coast in the 19th century. Today, the Trinidad Rancheria has worked diligently to ensure the Trinidad Harbor provides a balance of uses for commercial, recreational and cultural users. Through planning studies and harbor improvements, the Tribe’s long term goals include honoring the bay by highlighting its pristine beginnings under Native American stewardship through education and interpretation while still supporting the commercial fisheries that provide economic stability and fresh local food to for the North Coast.” (Trinidad Rancheria Regional Profile)



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We support the Trinidad Commercial and Recreational Fisherman, Recreational users, as well as the Humboldt State University Marine Lab and its efforts to educate, protect, and study our ocean waters and provide insight as to how we should care for the environment. We request that the traditional fishing area in and around Trinidad Harbor be held as a safe fishing area with no additional closures or regulatory impacts.

Trinidad Rancheria further requests that the Regional Profile we submitted to the MLPA Initiative Staff on November 18, 2009, be included as an appendix in the North Coast Regional Profile in its entirety. Additionally we request on behalf of all North Coast Tribes and the North Coast Tribal Coalition an extension allowing Tribes to submit their comments and include any Tribal Profiles they might wish to submit.

Our Vice-Chairperson Shirley Laos and Chief Executive Officer Jacque Hostler are unable to be here today as they are travelling to attend a Coastal Commission Meeting in Orange County in order to secure a Coastal Permit for the reconstruction of Trinidad Pier. Trinidad Rancheria is committed to the continued stewardship of the Marine Resources, the North Coast Community, and to all North Coast Tribes. The Rancheria is in the process of securing permits and funding to rebuild the Trinidad Pier (built in 1946) for the entire community.

The mission of the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria is to preserve and promote our cultural and traditional beliefs; improve quality of life and self sufficiency; uphold tribal sovereignty; create positive partnerships; and protect the environment in order to provide a healthy community, honor our elders, and guide our youth.

Thank You for your Attention and Consideration

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c/o California Resources Agency
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TO MLPA STAFF,

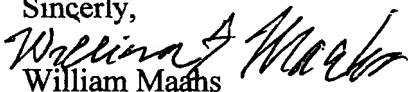
Any science must include the fact that fish eat fish, including their own kind. Fish population go up and down with the the availability of krill and other small fish that constantly move with ocean currents. If fishing is the cause of any damage to the fish populations, the existing MLPA areas it should have shown improvements in fish populations . More effort is needed to protect our coast from pollution that comes out of our rivers and bays that have been increasing every year. It would be far more important than destroying an important industry without justification. Hopefully the MLPA's will select the type that will allow fishing. A government by the people and for the people with liberty and justice for all is what our democracy is supposed to be.

If our fishing industry is restricted out of business, we no longer have a democracy, but instead we have a government that has no feeling for the lives and rights of the people.

Why is this happening when the fishing industry has always had restrictions? In the case of salmon in California, it has eliminated over 3 thousand out of 4 thousand boats, and 40 thousand related jobs, covering up the destruction of rearing habitat in our rivers from diversions and concentrated pesticide poisons. As a veteran I feel betrayed.

In 2000 I received an award from the California Assembly Joint committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture for my 30 years on the California Citizens Committee for Salmon and Steelhead Trout. I also spent 40 years on Salmon Unlimited to protect and improve the salmon fishery.

Sincerely,


William Maahs

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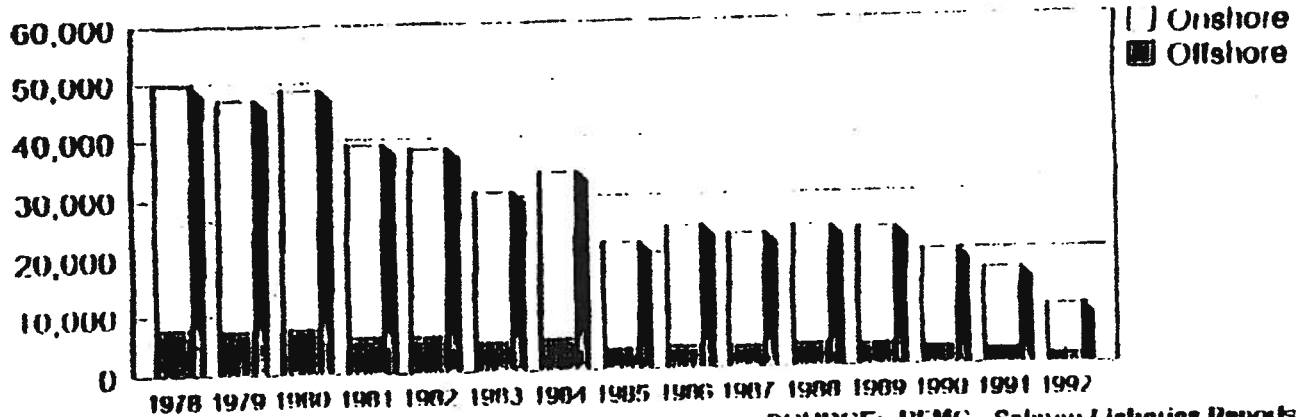
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Salmon Fishing Industry Job Losses in California

Offshore and Onshore Commercial Fishing Job Loss*

Number of Jobs



SOURCE: PTMC Salmon Fisheries Reports

* Based on PTMC job to vessel multipliers of 1.5
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Pollution in the California Delta is contaminating the eggs of wild striped bass, resulting in stunting and deformation in baby striped bass, according to an alarming scientific report released by UC Davis Professor David Ostrach.

"Striped bass in the San Francisco Estuary are contaminated before birth with a toxic mix of pesticides, industrial chemicals and flame retardants that their mothers acquire from estuary waters and food sources and pass on to their eggs," according to a statement from the UC Davis researchers.

This report was released as Central Valley chinook salmon and Delta fish populations continue to crash, due to massive increases in water exports from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta and an alarming decline in water quality in the estuary in recent years. State and federal scientists have documented a precipitous decline of juvenile striped bass and three other pelagic (open water) species - Delta smelt, longfin smelt and threadfin shad - since 2005.

"This is one of the first studies examining the effects of real-world contaminant mixtures on growth and development in wildlife," said study lead author David Ostrach, a research scientist at the UC Davis Center for Watershed Sciences. He said the findings have implications far beyond fish, because the estuary is the water source for two-thirds of the people and most of the farms in California, including drainage impaired land in the Westlands Water District of the San Joaquin Valley.

Using new analytical techniques, the researchers found that offspring of San Francisco Bay-Delta estuary fish had "underdeveloped brains, inadequate energy supplies and dysfunctional livers." They grew slower and were smaller than offspring of hatchery fish raised in clean, unpolluted water.

"If the fish living in this water are not healthy and are passing on contaminants to their young, what is happening to the people who use the water, are exposed to the same chemicals or eat the fish?" Ostrach emphasized. "We should be asking hard questions about the nature and source of these contaminants, as well as acting to stop the ongoing pollution and mitigate these current problems."



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Feds Plan to Subsidize Fish Farms

by Anne Mosness

Anne Mosness was captain of salmon fishing boats in Alaska and Washington for more than 25 years. Her fondest memories are fishing with her father, daughter and son. Anne is West Coast coordinator of the Marine and Fish Conservation Program, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy.

Our region's fishing families share many similarities with small farmers, often facing foul weather when work has to be done and taking pride in passing skills, traditions and values through generations. Both are hurt by cheap imports, sinking prices and government policies that favor corporate producers and absentee owners.

Just as agribusinesses are transforming the terrestrial landscape from family farms to mega-feedlots and horizon reaching fields of genetically engineered crops, our local waters and oceans are targeted for exploitation. Wild fish and communities that depend on sustainable fisheries are at risk.

Significant sacrifices have been made to rebuild wild salmon populations and environmental groups recognize that harvesters of wild fish are often the strongest voices for conservation and habitat restoration. As the Audubon Guide to Seafood states, "Salmon are most at risk not from commercial fishers—who are the chief economic force behind their protection—but from logging, agriculture and dams."

On June 8, the chairs of the PEW Oceans Commission and U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy released a joint statement stating that "restoring depleted fish stocks would yield significant economic benefits" and would "increase catch levels by 64 percent, adding \$1.3 billion to the U.S. economy."

Local boats are engaged in another season harvesting salmon, blackcod, halibut and other abundant wild fish for consumers to enjoy. Instead of focusing on how to restore wild fish populations, federal legislation has been introduced that poses huge risks to wild fish and the economic stability of businesses and families throughout the Pacific region.

In our state, fish farm proponents have conducted feasibility studies and drafted legislation that opens the Strait of Juan de Fuca to marine feedlot operations.

Proposed Federal Legislation

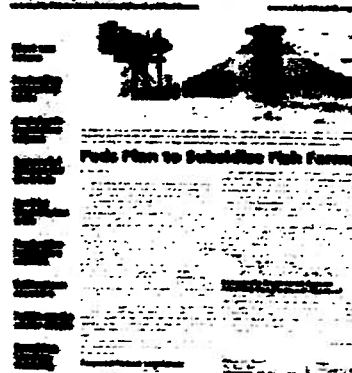
The waters from three to 200 miles offshore are called the "Exclusive Economic Zone" (EEZ) and the Department of Commerce/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) wants to open these ocean commons for business.

The "National Aquaculture Act of 2005," introduced on June 7 would make NOAA the lead agency for promoting and managing industrial fish farms in the EEZ. The legislation provides streamlined "one stop" permitting and allows long-term leases with very little oversight. Written into the legislation is an exemption to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, so foreign corporations can own fish farms in our federal waters. A fivefold increase in the value of domestic farmed fish production is planned by 2025, from \$900 million to \$5 billion.

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Feds Plan to Subsidize Fish Farms

To Whom It May Concern,

Hello, my name is Stephanie Harris and I am a Junior at Santa Monica High. I am writing to you regarding the issue of establishing Marine Protected Areas along coastlines worldwide. I became familiar with this topic from my Marine Biology class, while we were studying how anthropogenic impacts affect our oceans. Through my AP English class we were assigned to research a pressing topic that was important to us, and because I was already familiar with the topic of Marine Protected Areas, I knew that was what I wanted to learn more about. I have enclosed an essay that I have written displaying my opinion on this topic. I would love to hear your thoughts on this issue in regards to mine. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Harris

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Marine protected areas are areas designated to protect the sea life within them. These zones have been initiated along coast lines worldwide through passage of laws ultimately stating that human activity in or around these areas cannot be disruptive or destructive of the marine life living within them. (Executive Order 13158) To preserve species for future generations, keep life in and around the ocean healthy and enjoyable, and to conserve the environment, it is necessary for governments throughout the world to establish more marine protected areas along endangered coast lines.

Marine protected areas are necessary for the simple fact that we need to not only protect the marine life we have left in our oceans, but we also need to regrow those populations to attain stability. Due to overfishing, we have fished ninety percent of our big game fish that once lived in the ocean, leaving only ten percent still alive throughout the world. Not only has overfishing played a huge part in the decrease of marine life we still have access to, but anthropogenic impacts such as the amount of trash we dump annually into the sea has increased significantly over past the two hundred years. With this increase in our pollution, there has been a decrease in fish and plant populations in areas near and around the sources of the pollution. Marine protected areas will ensure that the amount of fishing within those areas is either limited and controlled, or completely abolished; in addition to ensuring that dumping of any kind of waste is prohibited. Although it will be a change for fishermen to learn to fish in new areas there will unfortunately still be countless areas that are unprotected in which their business can proceed as usual. Despite the initial change in fishing areas, MPA's will ensure that fish species can regrow leaving future fishermen animals to catch and future generations marine life to enjoy.

Not only does pollution in our oceans affect marine life, but these effects also harm humans and life living around the ocean. Because humans have been dumping trash that produces toxins such as *Pseudo-nitzschia*, there has been a huge jump in the creation of domoic acid, which has been known to cause severe effects to living organisms. This chemical that also has been linked to “coral bleaching,” a phenomenon in which corals lose their coloring and begin to die, which has also been proven to cause illnesses amongst humans. Consuming sea food that has been infected with domoic acid can lead to several side effects in humans including vomiting, headache, seizures, cardiac arrhythmias, coma and possibly death. (Van Wezel) Similarly, off the coast of Florida the *Karenia brevis* toxin, which results in “red tides,” also known as harmful algal blooms, is a deadly chemical that has been leaving harsh effects on fishermen. After coming into contact with the infected water, effects ranging from scarring of the skin to permanent blindness have been observed amongst victims. Monk seals in the area have also been affected by this deadly toxin. Side effects observed amongst the seals have included seizures and bleeding from the nose which can be life threatening to these animals. (Brown) With the establishment of marine protected areas, humans and marine life alike would not have to be subjected to such intense consequences. Areas of protection are strongly enforced ensuring the creation of waste and harmful toxins is very little to none. It has been argued that because human recreational activity would be limited in these areas that establishing them would keep people out of the ocean altogether, then defeating the purpose of keeping the ocean clean for humans at all. However, with this system in place human activity amidst each zone would not necessarily be completely prohibited along with the fact that governments

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Stephanie Harris



Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria



Mr. Ken Wiseman
Executive Director
Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento CA 95814

Dear Mr. Wiseman and MLPAL Staff:

Please find the final language drafted by our Tribal Coalition for submission in support of the North Coast Local Interest MPA Workgroup Array submitted by Adam Wagshall, Director of Conservation, Humboldt Bay Harbor District:

The Tribal Coalition has successfully met to address the challenges presented in the North Coast Study Region and to identify issues, concerns, and present solutions to a process that has in other Regions been unfavorable to both Federally Recognized and Non-Federally Recognized Tribes.

Our hope is that with open communication, dialogue and mutual respect we will be able to develop the relationship necessary to recognize the Native American Tribes in the North Coast Study Region and the true stewardship they engage in on a daily basis.

The following language has been a collaborative effort of the Tribes within the Tribal Coalition and reflects the sincere position of our Native Peoples:

"Tribal Indigenous Peoples have inhabited the Pacific North Coast since time immemorial and continue to rely on the coast and the ocean for a variety of customary uses, including but not limited to subsistence harvesting and gathering of marine life; and spiritual, ceremonial and other traditional cultural activities. These uses and activities are undertaken pursuant to aboriginal rights founded in federal law, which the State of California is obligated to respect and protect. As an intrinsic part of the ecosystem, Indigenous Peoples have been and continue to be responsible stewards of the environment. Traditional ecological and cultural knowledge forms the basis of sustainable management by Indigenous Tribal peoples of the North Coast Region. Due to the nature, methods, and amounts harvested, the take of marine species by Indigenous Peoples is minimal.

Each of the North Coast Tribes is a distinct sovereign nation and each have certain areas in the North Coast Region where traditional customary uses and cultural activities are part of the Tribal daily life. Furthermore, each federally-recognized Tribal Nation retains a government-to-government relationship with the Federal government. In implementing the MLPA, the Initiative



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Leadership and Staff should likewise engage in government-to-government consultations to address Tribal concerns. There are also federal trust responsibilities that are based on the unique legal relationship between the United States and recognized Indian Tribes. In the spirit of these responsibilities, the State of California must ensure that the preferred alternative for MPAs in the North Coast Region contains provisions recognizing and protecting traditional customary and cultural uses of Indigenous Peoples in the areas identified as such by the Tribes. Sustainable harvesting and gathering is a key principle in cultural and ecological preservation, and it is fully consistent with the goals and purposes of the Marine Life Protection Act. Moreover, as Tribes in California have never ceded their aboriginal rights to continue to harvest and gather from the marine environment, the State must recognize those uses and ensure that the regulations adopted as part of the MLPA process do not infringe upon them in any manner, unless expressly authorized by the affected Tribe.”

As we move forward in our discussions of the “Tribal Blue Line” please know we will continue to protect and defend the aboriginal rights of both Federal and Non-Federal Tribal Groups in the North Coast Study Region. The attached map is only representative of the MLPA Study Region and is not intended to be representative of gathering areas on the land or for all tribes.

As the Mapping Arrays are submitted by the various groups, we acknowledge each groups support for the Tribal Gathering Rights and also for the dialogue created with the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative Staff, the Blue Ribbon Task Force, and the Science Advisory Team, and would like to express our appreciation of the combined efforts to understand and begin the process of learning the rich cultures and diversity in our area. Special thanks to Roberta Cordero in meeting with the Tribal Coalition and individual Tribal Leaders and we look forward to the months to come in sharing who we are.

Sincerely.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacque Hostler". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Jacque Hostler
Chief Executive Officer
Trinidad Rancheria

CC: Assemblyman Wesley Chesbro
Assistant Secretary of the Interior Larry Echohawk
CA State National Resources Secretary Lester Snow
US Congressman Mike Thompson
Director of Conservation Humboldt Bay harbor District Adam Wagshall
CA State Senator Patricia Wiggins
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors



Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria

CHER-AE HEIGHTS INDIAN COMMUNITY OF THE TRINIDAD RANCHERIA RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL

RESOLUTION: TC-10-02

SUBJECT: Authorization Approving the Submission for Participation to Marine Life Protection Act Initiation (MLPAI) with the Tri-County Tribal Coalition and the North Coast Local Interest MPA Workgroup for an External Array Proposal.

WHEREAS: The Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria (Trinidad Rancheria) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe located in California and has a government-to-government relationship with the United States of America; and

WHEREAS: The Trinidad Rancheria Tribal Council ("Tribal Council") is the governing body of the Trinidad Rancheria under the authority of the Tribe's Constitution; and

WHEREAS: The Trinidad Rancheria Constitution provides the Tribal Council the authority to administer all legislative powers vested in the Tribe through its Inherent Sovereignty and Federal Law; and

WHEREAS: The government-to-government relationship between the Trinidad Rancheria and the United States of American includes multi-faceted Federal Trust responsibilities; and

WHEREAS: In the spirit of the Federal Trust responsibilities to Tribal Nations, it should be to the acknowledgement of the State of California to support the efforts of Tribes and recognize the sustainable harvesting and gathering as a key principle in cultural preservation.

WHEREAS: Tribal Indigenous People have inhabited the pacific North Coast for over 12,000 years and rely on the coast and the ocean for a variety of essential uses such as—spiritual, ceremonial, cultural, and substance harvesting and gathering of marine life; and

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WHEREAS: As an intrinsic part of the ecosystem, Tribal People continue to strive as stewards of the environment, a stewardship based in sustainability through traditional ecology and cultural knowledge; and

WHEREAS: Each of the North Coast tribes are distinct sovereign nations and each have various areas identified for substance, cultural and ceremonial purposes, as well as lands identified as ancestral, with cultural and/or tribal connections; and

WHEREAS: With the Trinidad Rancheria Tribal Council recognition of our community's extensive ecological knowledge and intrinsic connection with the marine environment, we respectfully request careful examination of Tribal sovereignty to the extent that participating in the MLPAI process will not alter, divest, or diminish trust relationship with the United States Government, as identified in the constitution amendment process; and

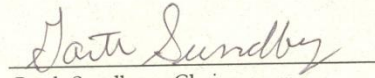
WHEREAS: In accordance with Federal Law – Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Government, The United States has a unique legal relationship with Indian tribal governments as set forth in the Constitution of the United States, treaties, statutes, Executive orders, and court decisions. Since the formation of the Union, the United States has recognized Indian tribes as domestic dependent nations under its protection. In treaties, our Nation has guaranteed the right of Indian tribes to self- government. As domestic dependent nations, Indian Tribes exercise inherent sovereign powers over their members and territory. The United States continues to work with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis to address issues concerning Indian tribal self-government, trust resources, and Indian tribal treaty and other rights, and recognition of rights to lands, territories and cultural resources that are essential to the identity, health and traditional livelihood of the citizens of the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: In order to establish regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with Indian tribal governments in the development in the regulatory practices on Federal matters that significantly or uniquely affect tribal communities, the Tribal Council of the Trinidad Rancheria approves submission of an External Array Proposal, including all understanding and assurances contained therein, for Marine Life Protection Act for Preservation and Maintenance of Marine Life Protection for the Subsistence needs of the Tribe.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that **Resolution TC-10-02** was approved through the standard Tribal Council Polling Procedure, through which a quorum was established, and that this Resolution was adopted by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 29th day of January 2010,


Garth Sundberg, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Amy Atkins, Recording Secretary

TC-10-02



From: Kenyon Hensel
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 1:56 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Re: MLPA Comments Auto Response

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There is no imminent environmental threat that justifies creating hardships for our coastal communities. All sea going mammals and their haul out areas, sea birds and their rookeries, coral and invertebrates are fully protected by existing federal and state laws.

The MLPA can be interpreted many ways. The initiative you are acting under is a narrow-minded approach, little but window dressing, to true effective fishery management. You are not using the accepted MPA science or process to create marine reserves. Without the science and the time we have asked for, you are only making little no fishing areas. They will drain enforcement, and create a false sense of higher protection. The process you are pushing will only lower the protection of our resources.

Since you continue to deny our local requests, and act without a majority of local people on your Task Force, it is plain you do not have our best interests in mind. Please leave this area and move on to some other part of California. Leave us and we will continue the creation of our own reserves and the side-by-side management of our resources that will exceed the intent of the MLPA. Give us three years and support our local effort if you are truly interested in seeing meaningful management of our renewable ocean resources.

From: Kenyon Hensel
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 1:50 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: RSG

To the MLPA initiative regarding the north coast study area RSG:
Your lack of any representation for the near shore permit holders is unacceptable. Mike Zamboni or any other permit holder has to be put on your RSG. The near shore permit holders have the most to lose through this process. They must be represented. Please remedy this situation as soon as possible.

From: Micheal A Carpenter

Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 4:26 PM

To: MLPAComments

Subject: Stake holders

Hello To the people or person who will make the choice of SH for the ncrshg.

Excuses my improper from but I fell I have probably written this to late any way. I just attended a meeting were Mr. Bill Lemos Showed an array to the Ft Bragg community he was arrogant he was not willing to listen to any comments by the public. He said that these things were coming and he knows some people are going to have to lose money but he did not care. This is he wanted them and he did not want to talk about it. If this man is ST representing Ft Bragg you have made a mistake. He worked with the community and then went out on his own and made an array after saying he would work with the MOCA Group He jumps to Conservation first Five people at my count then he says I am NRDC he does not have a clue it seems who the community is. He has just used people to his means. I say he does not make a good SH. Thank you Mike Carpenter

From: Capt. Eric Kett
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 8:10 AM
To: ahra@mcn.org
Cc: MLPAComments
Subject: Mendocino Coast MLPA NCRSG Representation

To Whom It May Concern:

I was a stakeholder in the MLPA South Coast Region and am following the North Coast regions progress as I am an avid diver and love to travel with my family and others to this beautiful area of the coast to dive and recreate. While there I find the ocean resources to be well managed and they have a good enforcement presence. I could not help but notice that the area I visit seems to have little or no representation (Pt. Arena to Ft. Bragg). Having been a stakeholder I know first hand the damaging effects to an area with little or no representation on the RSG. This area of the coast has the greatest draw for tourists from other areas of California especially divers from all over California. My wife's' family, my family, and our family have made trips to this area for over 50 years.

Please consider my comments as a lesson learned from the RSG, an extra representative or two will not slow the process down (the facilitators will make sure of that) but will certainly help with public "buy-in" down the road.

Thank you for your consideration,
Captain Eric Kett

SeaZen Marine Consulting & Guiding

Captain Eric Kett
805-895-9322 SeaZen@verizon.net

From: joe farlo
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 8:54 AM
To: SIGNoms; MLPAComments
Subject: Nominations to the Norcal Statewide intrests group

I and many others have great concern on the makeup of the RSG. It appears that you are not giving fair representation to reflect the true make up of our historical uses of the coast. The many small community's on the Mendocino coast are highly dependent on the ocean for their livelihood and sustenance.

We are blessed to have one of the healthiest ocean and nearshore ecosystems in the world and strive to work in balance with nature everyday we are out there.

The RSG appears to be made up of protectionist with one diver and no representation from Mendocino south. Ft. Bragg is not the only working harbor on our coast. My concern is that 7 out of 31 in no way is representative of our population demographics. It seems that you are not willing to give Mendocino county a fair role in your process.

California is in a monetary nightmare and I cannot see the reason why you are so intent on ruining sustainable fishing practices for protectionism instead of adaptive management as the law stated in 1999.

I support the following individuals as RSG members or to serve on the special interest group

Jim Burns, Noyo Harbor District Commissioner, Fort Bragg
Tom Estes, Sr., commercial crab, Fort Bragg
Jim Bassler, commercial nearshore, Fort Bragg
Mike Carpenter, sea urchin diver, Albion
Bruce Campbell, Albion River Campground manager
Volker Hoehne, President, San Diego Freedivers
Allen Chitty
Matt Mattison

From: mike carpenter

Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 7:24 AM

To: MLPAComments

Subject: RSG

This letter has valid concerns and there are many people who live here that have the same concerns. Mr Wiseman i remember a comment you made at the last SAT meeting that you really loved Eureka because you have spent so much time there. I can see it looks that you do not hold that same regard for the Mendocino coast. Please re visit the RSG and give the commercial interest a fair chance to be included. Thank you

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Michael A Carpenter

Albion Harbor Regional Alliance

February 1, 2010

John McCamman
Director
California Department of Fish and Game

Cindy Gustafson
Chair
MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force

Ken Wiseman
Executive Director
Marine Life Protection Act Initiative

Dear John, Cindy, and Ken,

My name is Allan Jacobs. I am a retired school teacher and retired commercial fisherman living near Point Arena. I am very interested in the MLPA. Perhaps that's an under-statement. The newspapers have referred to me as an activist because I was deeply involved in the North Central Coast MLPA process.

Point Arena is located very near the southern border of the North Coast Study Region. The port of Arena Cove is within the city limits of the City of Point Arena and less than 7 miles by water from the south boundary of the North Coast Study Region of the MLPA. The Fish and Game Commission adopted four MPAs very near our home port. They are named: the Saunders Reef SMCA about 4.5 miles south of Arena Cove, the Sea Lion Cove SMCA about 1.5 miles north and the Point Arena SMR and SMCA Cluster beginning about 2 miles north. These fishing closures amount to over 20 square miles within a radius of about 7 miles from the Arena Cove Pier. Because of the extremely close proximity of these soon to be enforced MPAs near our home port, we who depend on Arena Cove Port facilities for income and/or recreation – whether directly or indirectly – will be very greatly affected by the MLPA in both in the North Central Coast Region and the North Coast Region. Among the necessary adjustments we will make will be to move more of our fishing efforts north into the North Coast Study Region, much more and farther than we have found necessary in the past. Although our port is physically not inside the North Coast Study Region, we are included in all other ways. We are connected politically because we are in Mendocino County; connected by economics to the other Mendocino County communities especially Fort Bragg; connected by commercial fishing infrastructure between the ports of Arena Cove, Albion and Fort Bragg (Noyo Harbor); connected by the shared coastal ecosystem in which we are active biological participants who are not separated physically by lines of latitude; and connected socially, because friends neighbors and peers do not just end at latitude 39° north.

So here is my point. I and my neighbors and fishing peers are extremely disappointed in your choices for official Stakeholder (RSG) members for the North Coast. We, in the southern end of Mendocino County, expect our interests to be included

in the upcoming North Coast MLPA process. We are stakeholders in the North Coast study region in all ways except for an artificial geographic boundary chosen for convenience. The reason we are disappointed is because none of the RSG choices are from the coastal area nearest to us. There are about 22 miles of coastline within the North Coast Region between Little River and 39° north latitude, but including the area served by the harbor of Arena Cove, conservatively estimated to be from the community of Elk to the south end of Mendocino County at the Gualala River, this adds up to a geographical piece of coast about 40 miles long, from Little River to Gualala. This area includes two historic commercial/recreational ports (Arena Cove and Albion) several communities closely dependent on the Mendocino marine ecosystem and within sight of the ocean (Gualala, Point Arena, Manchester, Elk, Albion and Little River). As stated above, everyone in our area has a vested interest in the North Coast Study Region and we deserve representation. This is not an unprecedented expectation. During the North Central Coast MLPAI process there were at least two RSG members from the Fort Bragg area (about 30 miles outside the NCCSR to the north of the same 39° boundary). For further comparison, remember that all of Del Norte County has only about 40 miles of coastline but has at least 5 local Stakeholders by my count - probably more. So it seems to me that there has been a serious miscarriage of the MLPA process to have neglected to include any Stakeholders to represent our interests. We need RSG representatives who live close enough that we may be truly represented by a peer that knows us, respects us, and is willing to meet with us and represent our interests. I know there are several good candidates on your original list who qualify.

I remember very clearly a comment made by Ken Wiseman during a public meeting while discussing socioeconomic impacts of MPAs on local communities in the NCCSR. He told us that the MLPAI process took care of local socioeconomic input through the Stakeholder (RSG) involvement. I also remember what you, John, said in your statement in the Jan 29, 2010 press release: "I am confident that as a group they will successfully integrate the diverse interests of their constituents into a science-based proposal that improves our management of California's ocean environment." And I also remember that you, Cindy, said in the Jan 29, 2010 press release: "Their interest in and dedication to this process will make certain that we successfully maximize ocean protections for future generations while minimizing short-term socioeconomic impacts to the north coast community." Now I ask the three of you, Ken, John, and Cindy: How can the true stakeholders (spelled with a little s), in the area between Little River and Gualala, have an opportunity for input of our socioeconomic concerns, our "diverse interests", and our hopes for our "future generations" without a single RSG representative Stakeholder (spelled with a big S) from our area?

Do not misunderstand me, I am not asking for a particular candidate of my choice in this letter, although I do have preferences and would be happy to talk about it with each of you later, and I am not asking to include anyone not already on the list of nominees or even someone from south of the 39° border. But I am asking you to choose from the existing list of nominated candidates, more than one person, who is well versed and experienced in the fishing/sea food aspects of our communities and the ports of Point Arena and Albion. I do not mean to sound threatening to you in any way, although if you

read between the lines and you know the history of the MLP AI process in the Point Arena area, you are correct in assuming that I am still very angry and you should understand why. What I am saying, is that by not including any people who actually live and work nearer to the ports of Point Arena and Albion as RSG members to represent our communities, you will not just perpetuate the local perception that all those in charge of the MLP AI process are our enemy, you will in fact be proving it to be true. Here's another way to look at it: Point Arena is already the "Poster Child" of an MLPA program run amok, it will most certainly be an even bigger PR goof to do it again and include Albion and Elk along with us.

So I am asking you to bend the rules a little. It wouldn't be the first time. I have noticed, for example, that you bent the rules to choose an RSG member who was not on the original candidate nomination list. There also was at least one name on the second North Central Coast RSG list that was not on the first one. So please go back to the list of RSG candidates, look at those candidates that live in the area south of Little River. Choose some people who will represent the majority of the folks in our region. Then, as quickly as possible, add them to the RSG group and announce your decision quickly so we may begin communicating our concerns with them well before the February 8, RSG meeting.

Thank you,

Allan Jacobs

From: Mike Zamboni
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 8:45 AM
To: MLPAComments
Cc: ahra@mcn.org
Subject: NCRSG

RE: Omissions on the North Coast Regional Stakeholder group.

I'm quite concerned that not a single Nearshore commercial fishermen was appointed to the RSG. Nearshore permit holders arguably stand to lose more than any other user group.

Our fishing grounds are on the hard-bottom areas that MLPA targets and we stand the most to lose in terms of life, livelihoods and property without a single representative on the RSG. One of the criteria for being appointed to the RSG was a knowledge of our coastal marine environment and who would be more knowledgeable of both the habitat types and nearshore fishes that reside in the hard-bottom areas you emphasize closing?

Many of your appointees have personally told me they know little or nothing about the fish that reside in, the fisheries, or the specific habitat types within the North Coast study region yet that was who you chose to represent us.

Mike Zamboni
Nearshore fishermen
f/V Lucky 50

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TO: MELISSA MILLER-HENSON, MLPA PROGRAM MANAGER MLPAI

ATTN: MLPAI & CALIF DEPT OF F&G STAFF

SUBJECT: LACK OF REPRESENTATION

MESSAGE: ATTACHED IS A LETTER AND SIGNATURES OF
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GROUP. WE WOULD APPRECIATE A RESPONSE.

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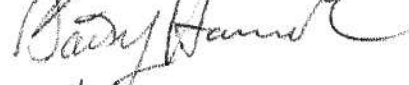
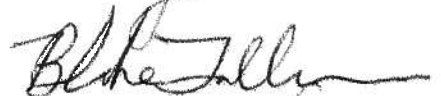


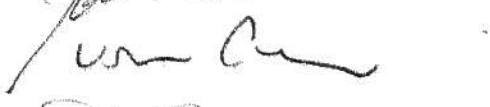

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Diver	Daisy Hancock	
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DIVER	BOB SANTOS	
Diver	Jon Krebs	
DIVER	WANE COOPER	
RETIRED F&V CREWLEADER - MENDO. CONST	STEVE MURSE	

De Li Waker

Cook/sausage
plant

Massuse, yoga instructor

Electician

CAMP MANAGER

Asst. Camp manager

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

BUSINESS OWNER

Reservationist/weighmaster

DeAna DeYoung

Katrina Doyding

Alex Tavizon

Jesse Chavez

Kristen O'Brien

Neil Fay

PAUL JENNINGS

Nicole Jennings

MICHAEL GARRISON

WENDY KING

Chase Campbell

DeAnna DeYoung

Katrina Doyding

Alex Tavizon

Jesse Chavez

Kristen O'Brien

Neil Fay

PAUL JENNINGS

Nicole Jennings

MICHAEL GARRISON

Wendy King

Chase Campbell

ARTIST

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From: Bruce Campbell ,Mgr. Albion River Campground
Member, AHRA ; Albion Harbor Regional Alliance

To : All concerned Government contacts and Representatives

As you may have heard the MLPAl has arrived here on the North coast. During the process the executive team has appointed Regional Stakeholders to represent the public and North Coast constituents ,as they say "These outstanding individuals each bring first-hand knowledge of the marine resources along the north coast". After looking over the list of Regional Stakeholders and reviewing Map Arrays submitted by the Feb. 1st deadline i have found that the southern portion of the North Coast study region has no representation in the Regional Stakeholder group from Little River/Van Damme south to Alder Creek. There are MPAs under consideration in this aforementioned area. Albion formed AHRA ,Albion Harbor Regional Alliance specifically to give the MLPAl process a group with first hand knowledge of Marine Resources in our area to pick from. We have been ignored and completely left out of the process.

Albion has had a working harbor since 1858 when the first sawmill was built here on the Flats. A small salmon fleet operated out of here in the 1930s. During the late 60s and thru the 70s the salmon fleet tided up in the Albion River in available dock space 3 boats deep. Albion Harbor still survives with a working group of Urchin divers, live fishermen. In the sport fishing/diving season Albion harbor and docks are packed with boats of various size and configuration. The harbor is considered a safe anchorage during a storm by the USCG.

In conclusion, the constituents in this portion of the North Coast study region need to have a voice and fair representation in the Stakeholder process, other wise it can not be considered "The diverse cross-interest group of marine stakeholders". As it stands the system fails everyone and does not meet its intended goal !

Thank you for your time , Bruce Campbell ,constituent and sportfisherman.

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RETIRED	MICHAEL MEDENI	Michael Medeni
RETIRED	SANDY BERRIGAN SANDRA	Sandra Berrigan
RN	Debra J. Luciani	Debra J. Luciani
Ice	Sharon Coarrette	Sharon Coarrette
Construction	James Kishbaugh	James Kishbaugh
House Keeping	Ayla Kishbaugh	Ayla Kishbaugh

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Occupation:

Signed:

CAMPGROUND MANAGER }
 WEIGH MASTER COMM. }
 HARBOR MASTER DOCK }
 } BRUCE CAMPBELL

Bruce Campbell

Diver
 Retired

Mike Carpenter
 H. Allan Jacobs

Mike Carpenter
 H. Allan Jacobs

Tackle Shop

John Gebers

John Gebers

Sea Kodiac Diver

Carson Bell

Carson Bell

Contractor

Ben Finkelstein

Ben Finkelstein

Boat Captain

Karl Barth

Karl Barth

Electrician

Scott Durham

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Signed:

Liver Tom Trumper
 Urchin Processor Arthur Bremer
 Commercial Fisherman ADAM Bremer
 Commercial Fisherman Bill Fortner
 Commercial Fisherman-Diver
 COMM. FISHERMAN
 Commercial Fishman
 recreational fishing
 scientist
 Ocean Protection Coalition Chair
 Commercial Seaweed Harvester
 Commercial Seaweed Harvester LARRY KNOWLES

Tom Trumper
 Arthur Bremer
 Bill Fortner
 Daniel Platt
 James N. Bass
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 James Martin
 Jean H. H. H.
 Judith Vidaver
 Tomas B. B. B.

Commercial Seaweed Harvester LARRY KNOWLES, L. M. M.

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Maggie O'Rourke
 Occupation:

CONCESSION BC Madonna Id

Signed:

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Small business
 owners

CHRISTY
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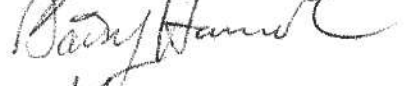





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Occupation:

Urchin diver

After div, VOTE.

RETIRED

Clerk

CHEF

RETIRED

Barker

Unemployed

Self employed

Driver

Bony PAINTER

4 CRAB FISHERMEN

RETIRED

Print Name:

Eric Wilcox

Dan Hamburg

CHRIS FLADLIEN

LISA Grayson

LAURENCE ANTHONY

ROD SHANDLER

Tony de la Torre

Bordicea Fox

Ronald Scott

David Knight

Leah K. Dusen

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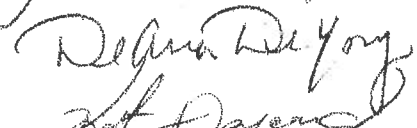

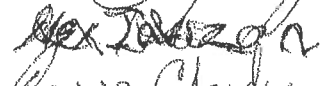



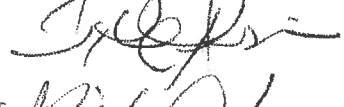
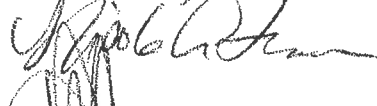

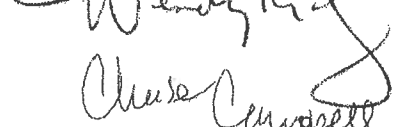
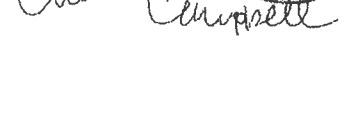
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De li worker	DeAna De Young	
	Kathina Doyling	
	Alex Tavizon	
Cook/sausage plant	Jesse Chardez	
Massense, yoga instructor	Kristen OBrien	
Electrician	Nel Fay	
CAMP MANAGER	PAUL JENNINGS	
Asst. camp manager	Nicole Jennings	
COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE	MICHAEL GARRISON	
BUSINESS OWNER	WENDY KIRK	
Reservationist/weighmaster	Chase Campbell	


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Occupation:

Little River Market
Clerk
Contractor
Retired Housewife
Little River Market
CAREGIVER


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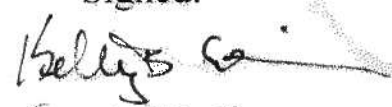
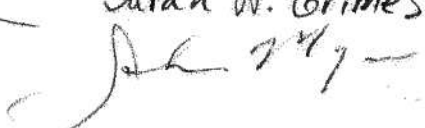
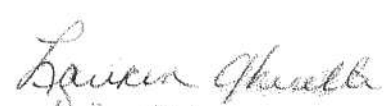
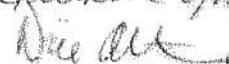


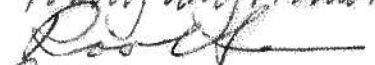
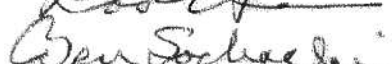

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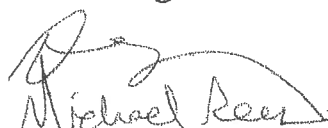


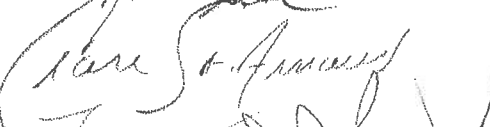

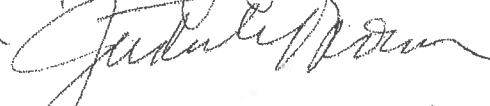
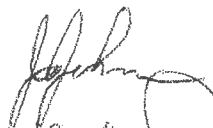
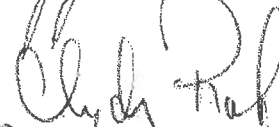
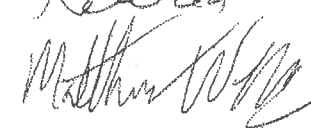
Occupation:	Print Name:	Signed:
Architect	Kelly B. Grimes	
	Sarah W. Grimes	Sarah W. Grimes
CAD/ART MAKER	JOHN MYERS	
COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN		
CUSTOMER SERVICE	Lauren Ghiselli	
Consul Hart	Nice Alterman	
REAL ESTATE APPRAISER	DEAN STRUPP	
Massage Therapist	Mary Kay Murchie	
Retired	Roo Harris	
Cabinet Maker	Ben Sochaeki	

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School bldg Inspector	Alan Taeger	 Michael Rees
Ex-disfranchised Salmon fisherman	MICHAEL REES	
Delivery Driver	Kevin Lane	 Kevin Lane
 Alan St. Amant	Farmer	 Alan St. Amant
MUSICIAN	TERRY SIMCIK	 Terry D. Simcik
ARTIST	Judith Brown	 Judith Brown
	Wanda Mulvey	WANDA MULVEY
Retired	Jim Johnson	 Jim Johnson
Retired	Clyde Robison	 Clyde Robison
Retired	PAT ROBINSON	PAT ROBINSON
 Matthew Wells	Matthew Wells	

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Occupation:

Retired
 Retired
 tendress
 Fish man
 Fisherman
 self employed
 Student
 Student
 Business Owner

Signed:

Nancy S. Barth
 Raymond M. Barth
 Amy for Arthur
 Rickie, Corby
 Da Alf
 Bill Shutter
 Ray J. Z
 Sarge Sibbet
 Jackie Clark

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Occupation:

FIREFIGHTER
Inn keeper
LANDSCAPE
RETIRED
SHELTIMPLOWER

Print Name:

JEFF SCHLAFER
Emily Coleman
Steve Huber
James Ehlers
nathan anderson

Signed:

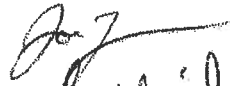
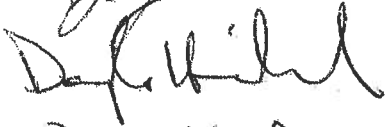
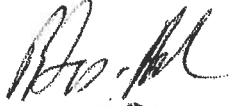
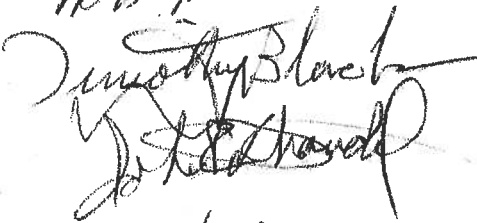
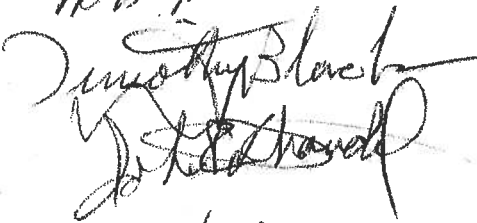
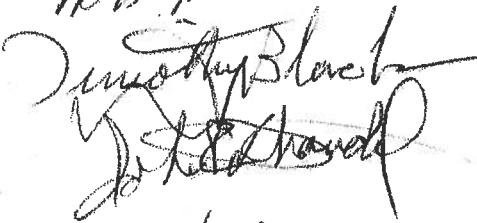
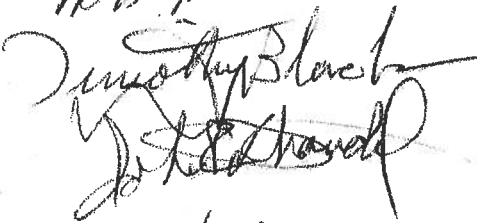
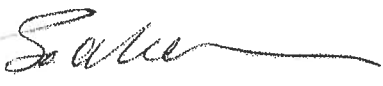


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DIVER	JOE FLYNN	
OWNER ALBION GROCERY	DOUGLAS HENDRICKS	
TENDERMAN		Donald Gomez
DON GOMES		
Gen contractor	Robert Andre	
Butcher/fisherman	Tim Blackshear	
CONTRACTOR	DEBARAH HENDRICKS	
	JOHN STANDER	
Paddler/Teacher	Teresa Kadan	Teresa Kadan
Photographer	Zelda Ralston	Zelda Ralston
Registered Nurse	SABRE REIGN KING GALLO	
Furniture Salesman	Big Jon Notari	
seafood consumer	CHRIS JOHNSON	

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Occupation:

ARDENER
Contractor
Salon
Business Owner

Print Name:

MARGARET DANNER
JOSEPH GOFORTH
DENISE CARPENTER

Signed:

Margaret Danner
Joseph Goforth
Denise Carpenter

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Occupation:

Self Employed

Print Name:

Shirley E. Schult

Signed:



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Occupation:

*License Harbor
operator*

Print Name:

JAMES SANSEI

Signed:

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Occupation:

Print Name:

Signed:

Timber Faller

Kenneth Lemmon *Kenneth Lemmon*

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Occupation:

Fisherman
and
Hardy man

Print Name:

ALBERT
YANKIN

Signed:

Albert Yankin

From: Adam Curtis
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2010 2:12 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: MLPA Questions

Why are the MLPA focused on punishing the recreational angler when no science has been provided showing recreational Anglers have any large scale impact on fish populations.

Are you aware that fisherman care more about habitat than those who dont fish? Without habitat fisherman have nothing. You grow up as a fisherman knowing this. It's one of the main things your fathers hand down during this journey. Awareness of your surroundings.

Is this really all about money and future job security?

Im all for conservation and would gladly lay down my fishing rod to help fish counts if I believed it would. But I've noticed your efforts are not there when looking at commercial harvesting and chemical runoff. Is it easier to target the father/son looking to spend a day on the water?

Why take pride in such a small effort?

Thanks
Adam Curtis

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From:

Tomas DiFiore, Board member
Albion Harbor Regional Alliance

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Mr. Wiseman and everyone:

Ken, how could you? You and the MLPai staff thoroughly disappointment me and other North Coast Residents regarding the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative Process and Lessons Learned in ALL PREVIOUS STUDY REGIONS.

- 1) First you all waste enormous amounts of our time and resources by handing us a Draft Regional North Coast Profile to comment on; knowing that the External Array Proposal workgroups would be using it as a guiding document when it was so totally inaccurate as to constitute fraud in my opinion. I myself submitted some 90 pages of corrections with substantiating documentation on the original 185 page (not inclusive of appendices).
- 2) The release of this (fraudulent) (draft) North Coast Profile analysis at the same time it's use by 'outside interest group representatives' would be mis-used in place of outreach by said individuals to gather accurate social and economic impact analysis per fishery, and especially per Edible Algae and Edible Bull kelp small business and cottage industry sectors of the larger Ocean Food Providers Economy of the North Coast.
- 3) 'Lessons Learned' in all previous 'Study Regions' seem to fall on deaf ears within the process. It is more likely that the 'Lessons Learned' adaptive management strategy is to relate and sedate the same state (equilibrium) repetitive strains of the 'open transparency' of the process.
- 4) How is it that the Albion Harbor Complex, with all it's efforts, to facilitate day-long open ended conversational meetings (each one a feast, sometimes a campfire, the beach just yards away) and which provide THE UPLINK to the MarineMap Digital Democracy Showcase helping to both familiarize Ocean Food Gatherers with the Online view of their livelihoods, mapping out agreements and concerns.
- 5) We also sought to include the communities of the coast all the way to Point Arena specifically because because there was resistance to this from those that would later form the group Conservation First! and the group MOCA. To this day, only AHRA, the Albion Harbor Regional Alliance has representatives onboard from the areas south to Point Arena that are directly involved with the social and economic dependence and the nature of the sustainable commercial fisheries herein represented by AHRA.

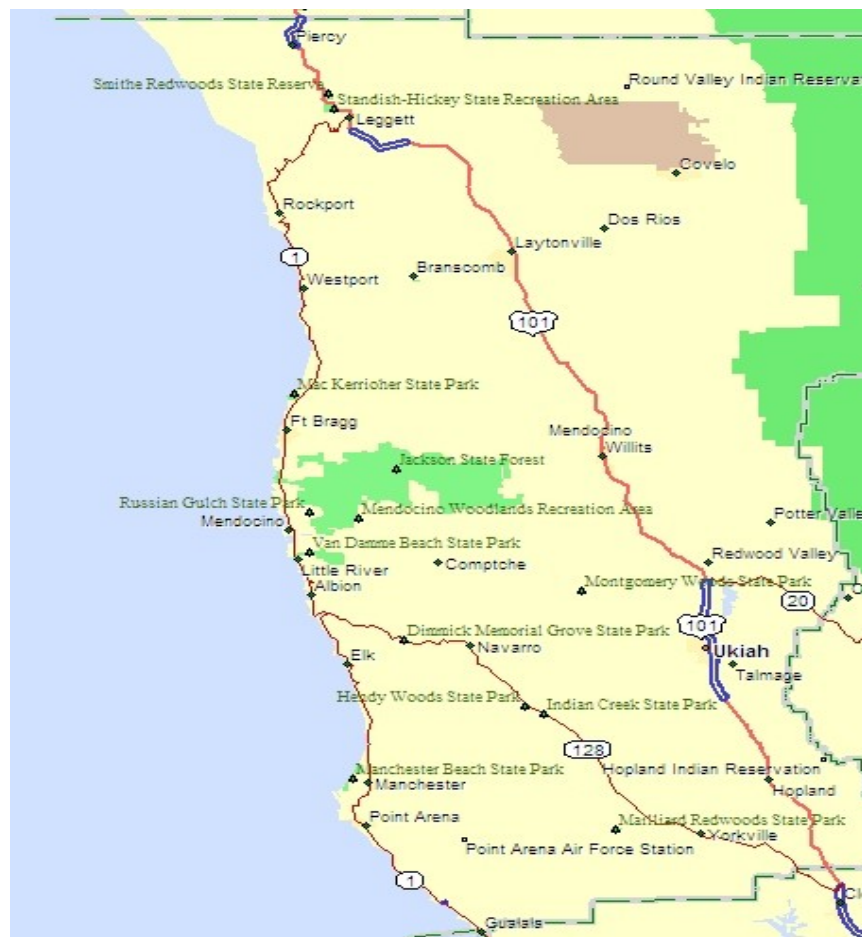
Except for an artificial geographic boundary chosen for convenience, the Point Arena area north to Albion includes innumerable stakeholders with no representation in the North Coast RSG. Even at this late date, one day before the first NCRSG meeting, none of the RSG choices are from the coastal area

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nearest to us. There are about 22 miles of coastline within the North Coast Region between Little River and 39° north latitude, but including the area served by the harbor of Arena Cove, conservatively estimated to be from the community of Elk to the south end of Mendocino County at the Gualala River, this adds up to a geographical piece of coast about 40 miles long, from Little River to Gualala.

This area includes two historic commercial/recreational ports (Arena Cove and Albion) several communities closely dependent on the Mendocino marine ecosystem and within sight of the ocean (Gualala, Point Arena, Manchester, Elk, Albion and Little River). As stated above, everyone in our area has a vested interest in the North Coast Study Region and we deserve representation. Further comparison would show that all of Del Norte County has only about 40 miles of coastline but has at least 5 local Stakeholders.

- 6) In the North Coast 'Study' Region, the counties of Del Norte and Humboldt each have Harbor Districts and representation by the respective County Harbor District Conservation Director and Harbormaster on the NCRSG. Mendocino county's Harbor District, (Noyo) is not represented within the RSG at all. How was this matter overlooked?



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- 7) Throughout the External Array Work period commercial crabbers and urchin divers, and others missed meetings to fish. The one RSG member who represents the entire North Coast Commercial Edible Algae and Edible Bull Kelp Sustainable Hand Harvest Cottage Industry is burdened with the loss of income during the harvest season of 2010, and/or the possibility of diminished workgroup continuity during 'round 2' - at which any key moment could mean territory or access is lost, and another social and economic impact would fall outside the process. Originally 2 (RSG) Alternates were proposed to alleviate this concern. Alternates to RSG members, even when chosen from the same fishery and with 20-30 years common experience, have already been excluded from the table by late determination.
- 8) The map above shows the extent of coast from the northern Mendocino County line to the southern. MENDOCINO COUNTY REQUIRES MORE representation in the RSG by virtue of common sense, rural demographics, current economic and historic use patterns, and the effort shift of commercial vessels yet to be accounted for out of Point Arena. The inherent inaccuracy of including Point Arena and Albion harvests and ex-vessel amounts into the economy of the Fort Bragg Harbor District drives the Initiative models in favor of disenfranchisement instead of true Ecosystem Based Management as required by law.
- 9) The addition of Jim Bassler to the NCRSG is a step in the right direction. But given the number of fisheries yet to be represented, you must consider the appointment of Tom Estes.

Using the historic and successful Port of Arena Cove as the central point in the cross border and cross interest bio-geographical adjacent subregions of both the North Central Coast and North Coast, you'll find we have had ONLY one Alternate Stakeholder to represent local interests in an area extending from Salt Point to Little River, a coastal length of about 80 miles. One local representative out of 48 stakeholders for the NCCRSG and 31 in the NCRSG to represent two small but successful historic ports, over a half dozen campgrounds, one City and six other communities large enough to support at least one grocery store. One out of 79 that's 1% of the reps for 18% of the coast! During the same time there have been 7 Stakeholders for an area around Fort Bragg (a ten mile radius?) That's 9% of the reps for 4% of the coastline. *Math by Allan Jacobs, Point Arena Fisherman*

Why is it that the Albion Harbor Complex has no representation. This harbor is of significant commercial, recreational, and cultural importance to the County. Albion residents and RSG nominees, Michael Carpenter and Bruce Campbell, (once Dan Yoakum also) have all exceeded the RSG selection criteria. Both Mike and Bruce represent a number of community interest groups, have made exemplary efforts to disseminate information about the MLPA to constituents without internet access, have coordinated and fed and enabled dozens of other gatherings and constituent consultations, and have consistently attended meetings of the Mendocino Ocean Community Alliance (MOCA) external array working group in Fort Bragg, almost an hour's drive away from Albion.. Michael Carpenter has appeared before the SAT and BRITF on multiple occasions and provided key testimony. All efforts have been made at significant personal cost to each.

As early as 062309, Bruce Campbell invited Ecotrust and MLPAi staff to the busy coastal campground to conduct surveys.

For 2 years now, there has been a consistent lack of representation for Point Arena on the Mendocino Coast. The Point Arena Harbormaster was not appointed to the RSG, and there were no commercial or

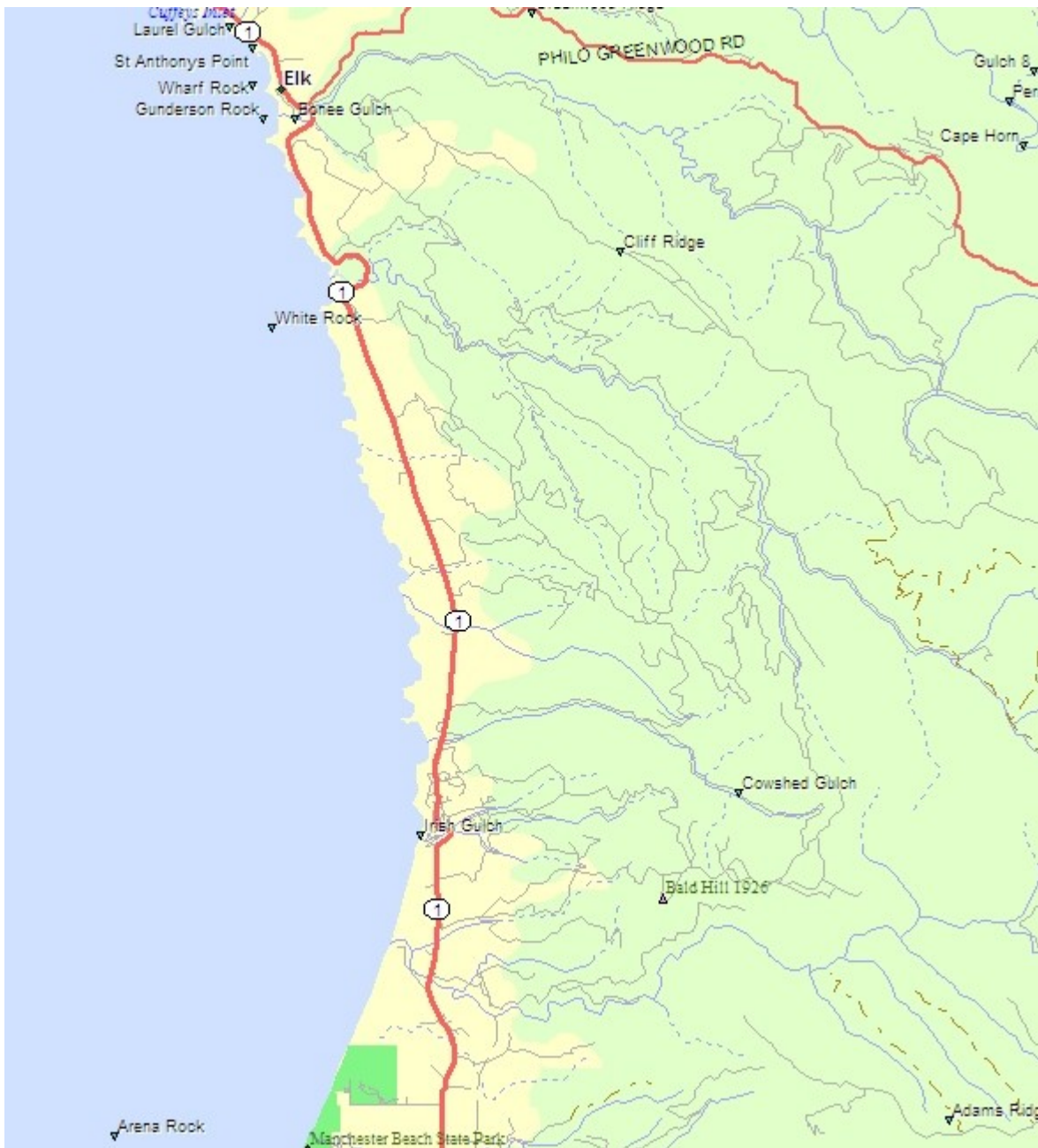
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recreational fishermen or seaweed harvesters from Point Arena on the RSG. As a result of the number of MPAs within the designated (North Central Coast) IPA clustered around Point Arena, there is a strong public perception that by lack of adequate representation on the RSG, an outcome that disadvantaged our constituents economically, has left residents throughout Mendocino County with feelings of disenfranchisement.



Every ridge is a coastal community. Off to either side of every ridge road are clusters of homes in nearby proximity to each other. Little River is to the north and Point Arena is more than twice the distance from Albion to Elk further to the south. Commercial boats from Point Arena now head north to work and pass boats from Albion headed south.

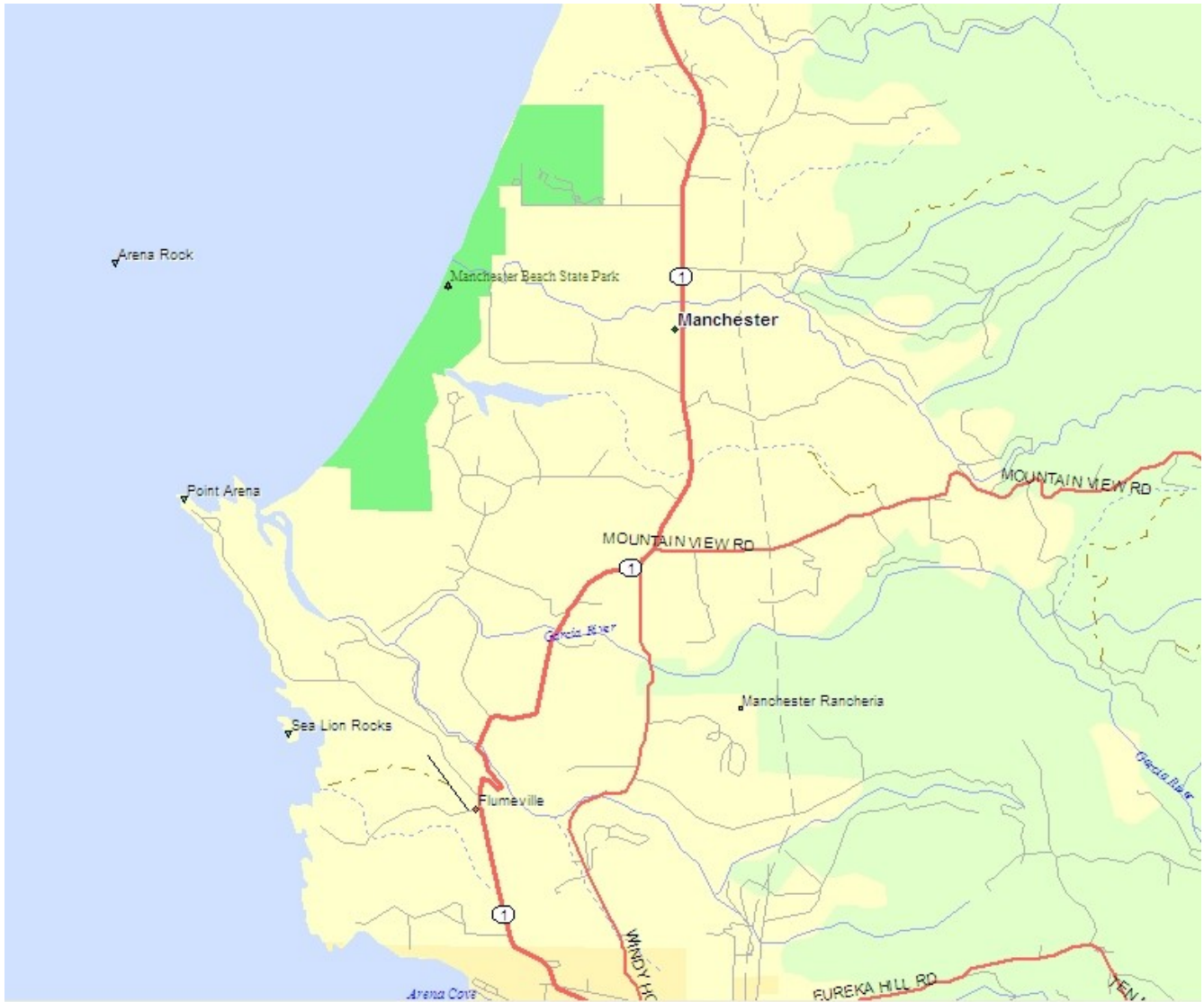
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Detail map orientation precludes a (scale) view of roads, homes, and the rural country way of life that goes on here. Yet many residents do read the Fort Bragg Advocate News. Word of mouth travels fast. Problem is that in the weeks prior to the 062309 MLPAi DFG Ecotrust Meeting (Open House) in Fort Bragg, there was no PSA, Press Release or mention of the meeting in the Mendocino Beacon or the Advocate News, attested to in the following audio segment from said meeting. Disenfranchisement appears to be part of Patterns and Practices, the unspoken doctrine, like a (Point Arena) pier review.

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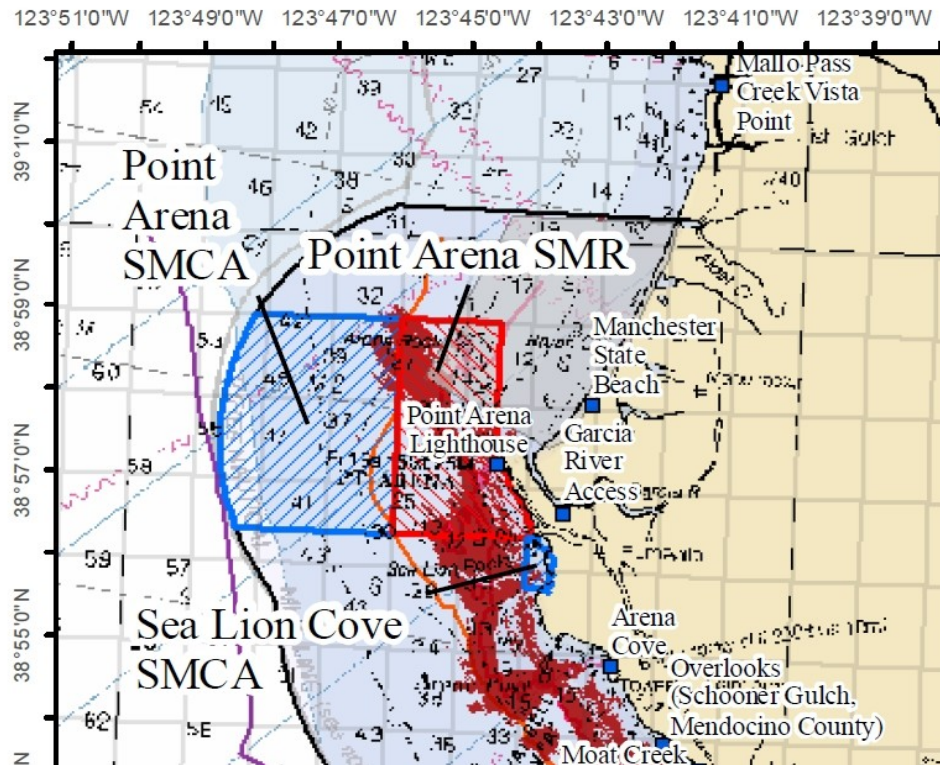
The town of Point Arena is situated around the only straight away, near the bottom of the map, north of the HWY 1 marker. On the next page, the North Central Coast IPA closures are shown for reference purposes.



It should be obvious, and credible (as anything put forward in the NC 'Draft' regional Profile), that to say the southern tip of the 'Study' Region is lacking any representation on the NCRSG is a gross understatement.

Mr. Wiseman, you could change that today. Mike Carpenter and Bruce Campbell will be in attending the first NCRSG meeting. Appointing them would be due recognition of the efforts of the southernmost commercial docks in the 'Study' Region, and campgrounds which can gather and organize key visitor information by user group.

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DO NOT FORGET THAT THE SOUTHERN AREA OF THE NORTH COAST 'STUDY' REGION - is represented by Albion Harbor Complex (AHRA) and that AHRA is unique in all the MLPA Initiative's 4 'Study' Regions to date. We are truly grassroots, receiving no funding through regular channels associated with the MLPAi, yet we have kept up with every workgroup/deadline and workshop, and many times led the entire Bioregion in outreach capabilities. AHRA continues to expand digital access and application of cross-interest concerns, has travelled to Eureka/Crescent City for every BRTF and SAT meeting in the 'Study' Region, and made every meeting of the Fort Bragg MOCA group along with attending the Tri-County workgroup meetings.

Thank you for your time to consider these details. There is no reasoning that suggests any other move that could be more meaningful on the part of the MLPAi Staff Team Leader (Director Wiseman) and the (BRTF Chairperson) Cindy Gustafson than consideration of the names aforementioned as additional appointees to the NCRSG.

This concern of lack of representation in the NCRSG of nearshore fisheries - is echoed to the north off coast of Humboldt in MIKE ZAMBONI's letter of concern as follows:
Omissions on the North Coast Regional Stakeholder group.

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Not a single Nearshore commercial fisherman was appointed to the RSG. Nearshore permit holders arguably stand to lose more than any other user group. Our fishing grounds are on the hard-bottom areas that MLPA targets and we stand the most to lose in terms of life, livelihoods and property without a single representative on the RSG. One of the criteria for being appointed to the RSG was a knowledge of our coastal marine environment and who would be more knowledgeable of both the habitat types and nearshore fishes that reside in the hard-bottom areas? *From Mike Zamboni Humboldt Nearshore Fisherman*

The appointment of Mike Zamboni to represent the Humboldt Nearshore fisheries in the RSG seems appropriate as well. This should not be construed in any way as to limit participation from the southern end of the 'Study' Region, of at least three more appointees (from the NOMINEES) in Mendocino County as proposed above.

Ecosystem Based Management, under NOAA, or any MLPA science or analysis, adaptive management criteria, and/or monitoring regime includes social and economic impacts to the communities that rely on marine ecosystem services and functions, and are thus an integral part of the local ecosystem flow of services where responsible and sustainable harvests ARE adaptive management tools and components.

Respectfully submitted
Tomas DiFiore

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tomas DiFiore', with a stylized flourish at the end.